

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7-25 are now pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 14-16 being independent. Claims 26-29 have been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter. No claims have been added.

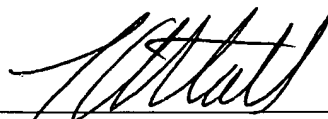
In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above application is respectfully sought.

All pending claims in the above application, namely Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7-25 stand allowed. Of these, only Claims 11 and 15 have been amended and each of these has been amended merely to improve the form of that claim. In so doing, no new matter has been added and Applicants have not altered the scope of those claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each of those claims remains in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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